



# The VON Coalition

January 24, 2007

## SUMMARY OF *EX PARTE* PRESENTATION

Ms. Marlene Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TWA325  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996: Telecommunication Carrier's Use of Customer Proprietary Network Information and Other Customer Information, CC Docket No. 96-115; Petition for Rulemaking to Enhance Security and Authentication Standards for Access to Customer Proprietary Network Information, RM-11277**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On January 18, 2007, Jim Kohlenberger, Executive Director, The Voice on the Net ("VON") Coalition, Staci Pies of PointOne, and Angela Simpson of Covad met with Michelle Carey, Senior Legal Advisor to Chairman Martin, Bruce Gottlieb, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Copps, Barry Ohlson, Senior Legal Advisor and Scott Bergmann, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Adelstein to discuss issues relating to the Commission's proceeding on customer proprietary network information ("CPNI"). In addition on January 19<sup>th</sup>, Brian Peters of the Information Technology Industry Council ("ITI") joined the VON Coalition to meet with Ian Dillner, Legal Advisor to Commissioner Tate, and John Hunter, Chief of Staff and Senior Legal Advisor to Commissioner McDowell and Melissa Slawson of Commissioner McDowell's office.

The purpose of the meetings was to discuss the CPNI order currently on circulation at the Commission. The VON Coalition and ITI praised the Commission for taking action on important consumer privacy protections. We reviewed current state and Federal privacy laws and FTC jurisdiction over Internet companies and services. In addition, to the extent that the FCC determines that its actions with regard to Internet companies do not conflict with privacy protections already in place, we expressed concern that the Commission not adopt specific technology mandates thus allowing Internet companies to implement innovative privacy safeguards. We





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also discussed possible customer confusion resulting from varying compliance deadlines. Finally, we urged the Commission to ensure that its rules to not impact broader edge services to the detriment of consumers and innovation.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b) of the Commission's rules, one copy of this electronic notice is being filed in the above-referenced docket. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,

/s/

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VP, Governmental and Regulatory Affairs, PointOne  
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